

THE FIRST BALLOT.

GROVER CLEVELAND WILL WIN IN A CANTER.

SO HIS LIEUTENANTS NOW CLAIM.

After Holding a Conference the Cleveland Leaders Have No Doubt of the Result Being in Their Favor.—The Anti-Snappers Will Demand Recognition From the Convention—Gossip.

CHICAGO, June 18.—"Mr. Cleveland will be nominated on the first ballot." So spoke ex-Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney of New York in a very emphatic manner, as he emerged from a conference of the Cleveland managers, which had lasted from 9 o'clock last night until the early hours of this morning in Mr. Whitney's private parlor at the Hotel Richelieu.

The gathering was by long odds the most important held since the political hosts began to enter in Chicago. It was called for the express purpose of looking over the entire Cleveland line of battle, and of detecting any weak points if they existed.

For most among the conferees were Messrs. Whitney and Dickinson of Michigan.

Word was soon passed among the Cleveland leaders calling them to assemble at the Richelieu, and as a result the parlors were taxed to their utmost. It was no ordinary gathering of Cleveland enthusiasts for casual comment on the situation. Governor Russell of Massachusetts was there and ex-Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson, the probable temporary chairman of the convention. Mayor Winston of Minneapolis and Patrick Doran, one of the Minnesota leaders, represented that state. The Southern states were well represented, conspicuous among the Southern men being Hope Smith of Atlanta, Ga., Messrs. Smalley of Vermont, Shepard of Brooklyn, Morris of Indianapolis and D. Cady Herick were also present.

What was done in the hours of earnest conference is best told in the first quoted statement of ex-Secretary Whitney: "Mr. Cleveland will be nominated on the first ballot," continued Mr. Whitney, "in every section of the country was examined with minute detail. I have thought from the first Mr. Cleveland had a majority and would be nominated, but it was not until I heard these reports from conservative and thoroughly posted leaders from all over the country that I became absolutely confident that Mr. Cleveland would be nominated on the first ballot."

"Is this feeling of confidence based on figures?" "Certainly it is, but we have no figures to offer for publication as yet. In a word, however, they show that there will be only one ballot, and that will nominate Mr. Cleveland."

Two stout porters carried a big box up to the Cleveland headquarters in the Grand Pacific this morning and deposited their burden in a corner. It was closely guarded by E. Ellery Anderson, one of the leaders of the "anti-snappers," who said: "That box contains protests against Hill and the snap convention and there are 200,000 names signed to them. It is the biggest protest that has ever been presented to any representative body. The men whose names are on those rolls are the solid citizens of New York. The voices will be heard in the convention if possible and at least before the committee on credentials. We will show the convention that the greatest outrage ever perpetrated on American citizens was done at the February meeting of the Hill machinists. We know he is not the choice of the people of New York and that Grover Cleveland is."

STUDYING THE STATES.

Barmites and Figuring as to Ohio, Kentucky and Maryland.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Estimates are being made with great diligence and the utmost possible care by the leaders of all the various candidates where they fail to show any material difference from those already published. The indications are that Hill will go into the convention with between 200 and 250 ballots and as Boies and Gray will probably each receive the support of their respective states, with a possibility of Carlisle having the twenty-six votes of Kentucky on the first ballot, Cleveland may fall somewhat short of the requisite two-thirds on the first ballot. This declaration is being asserted with considerable vigor by the anti-Cleveland people to day and they defiantly ask the friends of the ex-president to produce figures to controvert their estimates.

At the Cleveland headquarters this morning plans were set on foot to secure a poll of all the delegations with a view to disproving the assertion that the ex-president could not be nominated on the first ballot. The anti-Cleveland people are supplementing this assertion with the second one, and that, too, with great assurance, that the failure to receive the requisite two-thirds of the enthusiasm of the opening ballot, means the rapid disintegration of the Cleveland following.

It is generally believed that the candidacy of Gorman is the only thing which can prevent the Maryland delegation voting solidly for the ex-president, but it is conceded that in Kentucky and Ohio the delegations are considerably divided as to their presidential preferences. In Ohio the Cleveland people are not assured of more than from fourteen to eighteen out of the forty-six delegates. The fact, however, that Senator Brice maintains that the Ohio people are likely to vote as a unit, gives particular prominence to the position of that delegation as it means 45 votes either for or against the popular Democratic leader. Kentucky occupies the somewhat anomalous position of being in favor of a radical tariff reform plank in the platform but disposed to oppose the re-nomination of ex-President Cleveland on the grounds of inexpediency.

Will Demand Recognition. CHICAGO, June 18.—Colonel R. G. Monroe, secretary of the Cleveland organization in New York, is authority for the statement that the anti-snappers will demand recognition from the convention.

Charles S. Fairchild, chairman of the New York contesting delegation, has written a letter to Senator Calvin S. Brice, chairman of the national committee, demanding seat of the delegates appointed by the Syracuse convention and for the alternates. This is the first formal step taken to contest the right of the regular delegation to the seat. After a good deal of delay the contesting delegation admitted that such a letter had been written, but a copy of it could not be obtained from them.

Confident Iowa. CHICAGO, June 18.—The Iowa delegation met at the Palmer house this morning and elected J. J. Richardson again to be national committeeman for that state. At noon the Iowa delegation were rejoicing over the receipt of assurances that Colorado would cast a solid vote for Boies and they claim further pledges of support from other states, but do not give the names. Their confidence is based on a belief that there will be no choice on the first ballot and promises of support after the first.

Idaho for Gorman. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 18.—The Utah and Idaho delegation to the Chicago convention passed through this city to-day. They were accompanied by about 120 prominent Democrats, who go as sightseers. The Idaho delegation announced themselves as favorable to Gorman and against Cleveland because of his silver views. The Utah delegates were for Cleveland.

Missouri Delegates Start To-day. ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 18.—The Missouri delegation to Chicago will leave on a special train via the Watash at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, reaching Chicago at 4:30 p. m. The Hendricks Democratic association of this city, 300 strong, will act as escort.

No Break in Missouri. CHICAGO, June 18.—Governor David R. Francis of Missouri reached the Grand Pacific to-day. "I know nothing about Missouri politics except that the delegation is solid for Cleveland. Hill or any other candidate cannot break into our ranks."

THE BLAINES PROSTRATED.

Ex-Secretary Blaine Leaves as Soon as Possible for Chicago.

BAR HARBOR, Me., June 18.—The news of Emmons Blaine's death reached ex-Secretary Blaine at the Stanwood a little after noon. The family is greatly prostrated by grief. Mr. Blaine left for Chicago on the 3 o'clock train this afternoon. News of the illness of his son came too late for his departure by the 11 o'clock train this morning.

Deep Sympathy for Mr. Blaine. WASHINGTON, June 18.—When the announcement from Chicago of the death of Emmons Blaine was received here expressions of sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Blaine in their bereavement were general and messages of condolence were sent from friends here to the stricken family. The president was promptly notified and was deeply moved.

SHOT DEAD ON A TRAIN.

A Mississippi Democratic Delegate Killed by a Southern Lawyer.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 18.—Judge Bright Morgan of Hernandez, Miss., was shot dead this morning on the Illinois Central train on his way to Memphis by Lawyer Henry Foster. Morgan was a delegate to the Chicago convention. Lynching is talked of.

His Kindness Handsomely Rewarded.

ARCHERSON, Kan., June 18.—Rev. T. J. Berlin of this city, who preaches on Sunday and operates a tailor shop during the week, received a letter yesterday announcing that a Mrs. Rise, one of his old parishioners in Haycock, Pa., had died, leaving him heir to her estate, valued at \$30,000. The deceased was 80 years old. When Berlin was a boy he treated the old lady kindly.

To Face With the Republicans.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 18.—At a county convention of the People's party here this afternoon a full county ticket was placed in the field and delegates selected to attend the Sedalia state convention. An effort will be made to secure the support of the Republican party for some of the nominees in order to carry the county against the Democrats.

A SORE AFFLICTION.

DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER OF THE BLAINE FAMILY.

EMMONS BLAINE DIES SUDDENLY.

He Was the Oldest Living Son of the Ex-Secretary of State—He Contracted Blood Poisoning in the Excitement of the Minneapolis Convention—Review of His Career—The Family.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Emmons Blaine, son of ex-Secretary of State James G. Blaine, died yesterday suddenly at his house here at 11:15 o'clock to-day from blood poisoning arising from inflammation of the bowels. The fact of the death was kept concealed for some time after he had actually passed away, the object being to reach the father and mother first with some gentler intimation of the sad news.

Young Mr. Blaine was a notable figure in the exciting convention scenes at Minneapolis that resulted in his father's defeat. He took the result greatly to heart, and was confined to his room shortly after his return from the North. During the convention he seemed in perfect health and no one who heard of his sudden passing away was more shocked than those who saw him participating in caucuses early and late, night and day, in his father's interest. It is thought possible by many that the strain and excitement at Minneapolis, followed by the keen disappointment of the outcome, had not a little to do with the physical prostration ensuing.

Emmons Blaine's Career.

Emmons was the second son of James G. Blaine. He was about 37 years old and a native of Maine. In appearance he closely resembled his father, but there was lacking in his personality that magnetism which has made his parent so famous. He had the Blaine nose and eyes and his hair had been gray for more than ten years.

Young Mr. Blaine graduated from Harvard college as a member of the class of '78. Soon after leaving college he went to Burlington, Ia., where he assumed a position on the Burlington road. In 1882 he was called to Chicago and promoted to a position of importance.

It was while he was in Chicago that Emmons had a serious disagreement with his father and it was not until the latter's nomination in 1884 that the two were reconciled. During the intervening years they never spoke.

Later Emmons became general agent of the Santa Fe and was at one time talked of as assistant general manager. Three or four years ago he went to Baltimore to look after his father's coal and railroad interests in West Virginia and became general manager of the West Virginia Central road, of which ex-Senator Camden is president.

Three years ago he married Miss McCormick, the heiress and daughter of the great reaper and harvester builder, at Chicago.

Emmons Blaine at the time of his death was vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and had until quite recently resided at Baltimore, coming to Chicago to take charge of the Western interests of the company.

A Sorely Afflicted Family.

The news of the death of Emmons came with peculiar sadness following so closely upon the political defeat of James G. Blaine. Fate seems to have marked his family and in recent years his troubles have scarcely come singly. In the fall of 1889 Walker Blaine, his eldest son, suffered a broken leg and a serious illness from malarial fever. When but partially recovered from the latter he resumed his duties as examiner of claims in the department of state. One cold day he stood bare-headed in the open air, while a strong breeze was blowing to converse with departing friends. He took cold, la grippe followed and January 16 he died very suddenly.

The father was prostrated by the news, as Walker had always been his favorite son. May 17 of the same year Miss Margaret was married to Walter Damrosch. Later James G. Blaine became ill and for months his death would not have been received as startling news. His stay at Bar Harbor, Me., last summer and fall is yet remembered. The country was daily flooded with contradictory and conflicting reports as to his condition. His every move was chronicled. On his recovery he resumed his duties as secretary of state and then began the move among certain political forces to nominate him for president. The move terminated last week in defeat.

Another source of great trouble to James G. Blaine in recent years has been the erratic actions of James G., jr., and his marriage to Miss Marie Nevins. The entire story of domestic troubles and divorce has been reviewed within the last few months in nearly every newspaper in the land.

Four Men Killed in a Wreck.

GALESBURG, Ill., June 18.—A construction train on the Keithburg branch of the Burlington road ran into a drove of cattle three miles north of Galesburg this morning and was derailed. The engineer, A. P. Robinson, was killed and his body buried under the wreck. Three Italian laborers were also killed.

WILL THEY INDORSE IT?

Kansas Democrats Studying the People's Party Ticket.

WICHITA, Kan., June 18.—Dispatches were received here yesterday afternoon from Democrats all over the state, inquiring particularly into the past political affiliations of the men nominated by the People's party.

More interest seemed to be taken in John T. Little of Johnson county, the nominee for attorney general, than any other candidate. The Democratic politicians are afraid that Little is a Prohibitionist, and if that proves to be the case the First and Seventh districts will not indorse him if the Democratic leaders can prevent it. If the Democratic convention does not indorse the People's party ticket the chances are that the rank and file will support it anyhow, leaving the Democratic ticket with the smallest vote it has ever polled in the state.

The People's party leaders have already gone to work to secure an indorsement of H. L. Moore, the Democratic nominee in the Second district, by the People's convention at Garnett, June 22. If this is accomplished the Democrats of the Second district promise through their leaders to vote the entire state ticket. In the Seventh the Democrats will indorse Jerry Simpson.

The same element which is at work in the Second district is playing sad havoc with Glover in the Third and at Cherryvale next Thursday the indications point to his defeat by Jeff Hudson, an ex-Democrat whom the Democratic congressional convention will indorse.

The friends of Marsh Murdock contend that the nomination of Lewelling will go a long way toward forcing the nomination of Wichita's favorite boomer. The cry has already been raised that the Southwest will be entirely lost to the Republicans unless Murdock is nominated, and his chances are growing better as the time for the convention approaches. Murdock's executive committee holds that Smith's vote cannot go to Morrill and that Morrill prefers anybody to Smith. The southwest is making a strong and united pull to secure both the candidates for governor.

At a meeting of the People's party state central committee to-day, Charles Davis of Junction City, son of Congressman John Davis, was elected secretary. Campaign headquarters will be established at Enterprise, Chairman Breidenbach's home.

A large delegation of Democrats left this morning for Chicago. All day yesterday the leaders were receiving dispatches from brethren in the eastern part of the state urging them not to make a move or commit themselves in any way until after a meeting could be held and the situation canvassed. If the Democratic bosses in this county could have their way there is no doubt but that despite the ugly cut given them by the late convention they will still fuse, no matter what the rest of the state may do.

REDUCED ACREAGE IN IOWA.

Only 70 Per Cent of Last Year's Corn Crop Expected, With Best of Weather.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 18.—The June crop report of the Iowa weather and crop service, tabulated from reports of 1,200 correspondents, shows a reduced acreage of all crops except grass and millet. The winter wheat acreage is reduced 3 per cent and the condition is 86 per cent as compared with last year. The spring wheat acreage is reduced 6½ per cent. The present condition is 88. With favorable conditions the total yield of wheat is estimated at 18,500,000 bushels. The corn acreage is reduced 17½ per cent, and it is estimated that even with the best conditions in the future the crop will not exceed 70 per cent of last year's. The acreage of oats is reduced 11 per cent; condition is 82. Barley acreage is the same as last year; condition 89. Flax acreage is reduced 7½ per cent; condition is 86. Irish potato acreage is reduced 12 per cent.

Gladstone as a Peacemaker.

LONDON, June 18.—It is stated in Parnellite quarters that Messrs. Gladstone, Morley and Schachdnorst have resumed their efforts to prevail upon the opposing factions in the Irish party to avoid contests in the coming elections in districts where such contests are likely to benefit the Unionist candidates in Ireland and England.

An Iowa Village Entirely Gone.

DUBUQUE, Ia., June 18.—What remained of the village of Rockdale, three miles west of Dubuque, since the disaster of 1876, was wiped out by a storm last evening. No lives were lost. The rainfall was the heaviest ever recorded here in half an hour. The street cars were obstructed by the flood.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Judge Edwards of Illinois has decided that women are not legal voters.

Strikers have stopped all work at the Minnesota mine at Tower, Minn., and the shaft is being flooded.

Governor Fifer's appeal for aid from the citizens of Illinois for flood sufferers has resulted in raising \$11,000. The miners of the Deep mining company and the Argentum Juniors, near Aspen, were flooded and will be idle a month.

Ike Stewart, a negro of Lewisville, Tex., was killed on the spot by the husband of a woman whom he attempted to assault.

General Wilson A. Miles and party are at Little Rock, Ark., under orders from Secretary Elkins to select a site for a military post to be located near there.

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NELL'S LETTER.

She Gives Her Opinion Concerning Marriage and Love and some other Things.

Dear Madge: I have just finished reading an article written by that notorious woman, Mrs. Victoria Woodhull Martin, in which she puts humanity on an exact level with an animal and declares that only those who are perfect physically should marry.

Going further she declares that a girl who is contemplating marriage should be taught to ask herself: "Is the man whom I am about to marry fit to be the father of my children?"

Now Madge I agree with the Woodhull that possibly men and women ought not to marry unless both are perfect specimens physically for the sake of a coming race, but there is a sort of cold blooded reasoning in this which stripped off all verbiage is not in accordance with our civilization. To the thinking mind it is wrong where heredity taints the blood with disease, crime or insanity, to marry, but as has been proven and as every day it is being proven sometimes the plainest may even be deformed manhood, possesses through that very deformity qualities of the head and heart which has an influence upon the human race beyond any power of prophecy or physical relations to embody.

Who could have been less perfect in feature, or a form, than our own Lincoln? Painfully homely—had a horse been as raw boned, as ungainly, it is quite possible not a single breeder would have cared to become his owner. And yet being a man, the power of his intellect, the great force of his nature, his admirable equipoise, his wonderful control of men, his strange fascination, his honest dealing, his handling successfully of one of the greatest problems of any country, marked him as a man of history—almost immortal. Should this giant among men have been denied marriage? Well, possibly, because the woman he married was his inferior mentally and in every other way, except in that which made up the physical—but should he have been denied marriage? Certainly not; because the mind was the predominant part of that ungainly body, and the mind, in all probability, had it been mated with mind, would have produced not Robert Lincoln only, but Robert Lincoln, a man as great in intellect as his illustrious father.

I say this might have been the case. No man, no woman, can prophesy for nature. Sometimes the weakest parents, apparently, have the strongest children; sometimes the strongest parents have the weakest children.

But in regard to a girl asking herself when about to marry: "Is this man fit to be the father of my children?" I agree that she should by all means do this, not because he is not a picture of physical manhood, but because his habits of life may be bad and he may transmit these habits to his children.

After all though, it may be remarked that the Woodhull herself, lived a life which brought her into public contempt, went from America to England and married purely for money. She has no children and therefore she evidently did not ask herself any pertinent questions such as she advises others of her sex to ask and summing up, people have been marrying for love ever since Adam married Eve in the garden of Eden and they will go on marrying for love while time lasts—the heart will shape its own idea of physical perfection, too, and while it may, beneath love's

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glamor make mistakes, yet there is nothing in this world that compares with the sentiment and let us, who belong to the sex which loves with the mind, the heart and the soul, which makes of the commonest clay an ideal, which deifies the loved one, who would lay down our lives to make that loved one, not perfect physically, loving him we see not his physical defects, but grand, and good, and moral, and upright and true, be glad that it is so, and let us pray, God bless and help him, and with little Tim exclaim, God bless us all, whether we are physically perfect or otherwise.

Madge, dear, I was talking to a young business man of this city a short time ago and we were discussing certain young ladies. Said he, Nell, I am disgusted sometimes with the girls I meet, and while it would be just like you to hop on to me and declare that a man, who is as full of faults as a coconut is of milk, has no right to be disgusted with the girls, yet I must for once have my say. I am disgusted at the silly way in which they deport themselves. Now for instance I frequently meet two young ladies, quite old enough to have good sense and already a little passed in society, but this is the style in which they address me, oh Mr.—, I am so delighted to see you, it has been an age since I last saw you, you are looking awfully well. I saw such an awfully swell gentleman awhile ago, I wonder who he is, E— declared she was just awfully smitten and I said he certainly looked awfully hard at me and she was quite awfully cut up about it and anyhow it is awfully dull unless one does have some one to amuse themselves with—especially Mr.—, when we never see you anymore and you ought to be ashamed of yourself to be such a recluse—and oh Lord, Nell, an "awfully" lot more of such rot and I want to go off and drown myself. Now why cannot girls talk and act sensibly? The "awfully" girl always talks with shrugs and simpers and grimaces and I—I hate her, dogged if I don't! I laughed at the poor fellow Madge, but at the same time I sympathized with him, I have met the awfully girl myself and while I have too keen a sense of the ridiculous to hate her, yet if she could only see herself as sensible people see her she would probably drop her style awfully quick, and not disgust such young men as she one I have referred to, for he is worth catching, and some day will be known among Sedalia's most prominent business men. The awfully girl had better see to it that she "takes a tumble to herself," as the boys say, and she will do well to do it at once, in accordance with this free advice from, yours,

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